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1. The harbor installations consist primarily of three wharves

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- a. The wharf [ ] is used chiefly as a landing stage for Soviet navy patrol vessels. Construction and condition of wharf unknown.

- b. The wharf [ ] is used chiefly by large merchant vessels. The wharf is believed to be made of concrete, and extends about 2.5 meters above the normal water level. There are at least two electrically-driven mobile cranes at this wharf, lifting capacity unknown. The wharf is modern and well equipped with warehouses.

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5. The wharf [ ] is used by fishing craft. It extends barely 1.5 meters above the normal water level, and is of wooden-pile construction, old and in poor condition. A wooden bridge 2 meters in width extends along the edge of the wharf, and constitutes the only wharf cover. The water at this point is 7 to 8 meters in depth. The wharf has no loading cranes, and ships using it can obtain water only from water-boats.

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there is a fish cannery, equipped with a crane to enable fishing vessels to unload their cargoes at the factory itself. The crane consists of a crane-house with extension arm. The crane house runs on tracks built at right angles to the wharf and about 5 meters above the wharf level. Lifting capacity of the crane is unknown.

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3. [redacted] there is a large crane of older construction than those mentioned above, with a lifting capacity of 30 to 50 tons. This crane is believed to be a part of a small ship-repair yard [redacted] 50X1-HUM
4. During the period of observation, six patrol boats ran in and out of the harbor constantly [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
The boats were 20 to 30 meters in length. Each had two engines and was armed with one cannon. [redacted] All flew green flags. One of the vessels put in to shore near the crane [redacted]
5. During the 10-day period of observation only three ships appeared at the [redacted] wharf: 50X1-HUM
- a. A Soviet steamship of about 1100 gross tons, painted black. Old. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- b. A Soviet steamship of about 1500 gross tons, painted gray. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (The two Soviet ships were at wharf B during the entire period of observation [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- c. A [redacted] steamship, which arrived in ballast and departed after taking on a cargo.
6. The only vessels which stopped at the [redacted] wharf during the 10-day period were fishing craft, which unloaded their cargoes at the [redacted] crane and then proceeded further up into the harbor [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] Ventspils seemed to be the home port of about 20 of these vessels, all of which were of the same type--about 50 tons, painted black, equipped with four-stroke diesel engines. As each of the fishing boats came in, its catch was checked by personnel wearing what were apparently military uniforms. Each of the fishing boats flew a red flag with no stars or other markings. The crews were apparently all Latvian. [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] the local fishing boats operate in the immediate vicinity of the harbor, under guard of as many as three of the patrol boats mentioned in Para 5 above. 50X1-HUM
7. A dredge was at work at the south mole, assisted by lighters and one tug.
8. Except for the activity described in Paras 5 through 8 above, the harbor was quiet [redacted] The only civilians 50X1-HUM  
who appeared in the harbor area were fishermen, who dry and mend their nets [redacted] An 50X1-HUM  
occasional soldier was observed in the waterfront area.

Comments: [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the patrol boats mentioned in Para 5 belong to border police (MVD), since they fly a green flag. They are believed to be of the same type as the PI-boats which are often observed in the same area. This is the first report concerning the fishing activities at Ventspils and the first to mention the fish cannery.

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